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SUBJECT: REPORTED ZAMBIAN DISAVOWAL OF AID AGREEMENTS NOT
APPROVED BY FINANCE MINISTER

NAIROBI FOR REDSO, MBABANE FOR OSARAC

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REUTER REPORT CARRIED ON US WIRE
DECEMBER 14:

THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT REPAY LOANS SECURED BY
TOP-RANKING OFFICIALS FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR ORGANI-
ZATIONS UNLESS THEY ARE PROPERLY AUTHORIZED, FINANCE
MINISTER JOHN MWANAKATWE SAID.

MWANAKATWE SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT ONLY HIS OFFICE HAS
THE AUTHORITY TO RAISE GOVERNMENT LOANS FROM OTHER GOVERN-
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MENTS AND FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS. HE SAID IF LOAN AGREE-
MENTS HAD BEEN SIGNED BY UNAUTHORIZED OFFICIALS THEY "ARE
INVALID AND CONSEQUENTLY THERE ARE NO LEGAL OBLIGATIONS
ON THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT TO REPAY THEM."

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LILY MONZE RECENTLY SIGNED LOANS AND GRANT AGREEMENTS ON
BEHALF OF THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

AND ORGANIZATIONS. MONZE SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS,
"I AM SURE THAT THE FINANCE MINISTER WAS NOT REFERRING TO
LOAN AND GRANT AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY ME, BECAUSE THE POWERS
TO SIGN SUCH AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN DELEGATED TO ME BY
PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA IN EACH AND EVERY SPECIFIC
CASE."

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S SEEKING AUTHORITATIVE
CLARIFICATION OF MWANAKATWE'S STATEMENT, BOTH WITH
REGARD TO AGREEMENTS WITH US AND THOSE WITH INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS.
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